THE HON'BLE Ms. JUSTICE G. ROHINI

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WRIT PETITION No.3566 OF 2006

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ORAL ORDER:

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Petitioners made applications for grant of passports on 18.06.2004. It is stated that the 1st respondent having received the applications, referred the matter to police for verification and necessary report. However, even before the report was received from police, the 1st respondent closed the files on 7.02.2005. Thereafter, petitioners made a further representation dated 20.02.2005 requesting to issue fresh passports. In pursuance thereof, they claimed that police authorities have made necessary enquiry and submitted report to the 1st respondent. In spite of the same, the 1st respondent failed to issue passports. Hence, this writ petition seeking a declaration that the petitioners are entitled for grant of passports on the basis of their applications dated 19.06.2004.

Though no counter-affidavit has been filed, Smt. Y.B. Saraswathi, the learned counsel appearing for the 1st respondent, under instructions, submits that necessary report from the police authorities has been received. If that be so, it is for the 1st respondent to consider the applications of the petitioners and to pass appropriate orders in accordance with law.

Accordingly, without expressing any opinion as to the entitlement of the petitioners for grant of passports, as sought by them, the writ petition is disposed of with a direction to the 1st respondent to consider the applications of the petitioners in the light of the report received from the 2nd respondent-Commissioner of Police, and to pass appropriate orders in accordance with law as expeditiously as possible, preferably within a period of four weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. No costs.

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(G. ROHINI, J.)

24th April, 2006.

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Between:

E. Giri Yadaav and another. .. Petitioner.

And

The Regional Passport Officer,

Adjacent Prasanth Theatre,

Clock tower, Secunderabad and

another. .. Respondents.